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MONROE — The Monroe police and ambulance corps will get \$160,000 for equipment that Rep. John Hall, D-Dover Plains, earmarked in a spending bill Congress recently passed.

The grant, announced Friday at the Monroe police station, will reimburse police for a digital fingerprinting system they just bought and pay for mobile lighting stations, a license-plate scanner and an emergency generator for the ambulance corps building.

The fingerprinting device – which allows police to check a state database instantaneously – was urgent because the state will discontinue paper searches for print matches in January, Monroe police Chief Dominic Giudice said.

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